THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden remotely via Go-To-Meeting within and for the County of Bristol on the ninth day of March 2021, by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Also in attendance: County Administrator, Maria Gomes and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

Mr. Saunders Yes
Mr. Mitchell Yes
Mr. Kitchen Yes

Received a notice from Bristol County Agricultural High School on the following employment matters:

1. Daniel Bence off Worker's Comp. Effective 2/28/21 2. Terri Ciolfi Retired Effective 3/8/21 3. Marisa A. Hamel Maternity/FMLA Leave Effective 3/1/21 4. Carol Carr off FMLA Effective 3/15/21 5. Margaret McGaughran Substitute Clerk Effective 2/22/21 6. Bethany A. Boudreau-Santilli Guidance Counselor-account chg. Effective 8/31/20

Received a notice from the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds:

1. Julie A. West

D.O.B. correction

Received a notice from the County Commissioners Office:

1. Daniel E. Alix

New Hire-Custodian

Effective 3/22/21

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve all departmental CP's as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders Yes
Mr. Mitchell Yes
Mr. Kitchen Yes

Motion carries.

The following Warrants were reviewed/previously approved:

 Payroll Warrant
 03/04/21
 #21080
 \$158,748.53

 Payroll Warrant
 03/11/21
 #21082
 \$160,158.37

 AP Warrant
 03/09/21
 #21081
 \$90,398.63

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the warrants as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders

Yes

Mr. Mitchell

Yes

Mr. Kitchen

Yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Alex Stylos was present on the telephone. He asked to address the Commissioners in regards to the continuation of the outdoor "Backyard Barbecue" venue behind 15 Court Street. Additionally, the Commissioners were notified of a public hearing regarding Mr. Stylos' application for a sign variance in front of his property.

Mr. Stylos indicated that he wished to continue with the outdoor "Backyard Barbecue" venue during the good weather. He provided photos of the setup and an event from last year. He indicated that he had approximately 20-25 events outside last year. In terms of the sign, he wanted to have something in the front of the building that could electronically announce events being held.

Commissioner Saunders asked that the County be included for coverage in the insurance policy (indemnity agreement) should anyone get injured while attending one of the events. Mr. Stylos indicated that his liquor liability policy covered those types of issues and he would provide a copy of it on Monday to the County. Administrator Gomes indicated that the County should be listed on the Certificate of Liability.

A communication was received from Register of Deeds Amaral regarding the request to extend the lease with the City of Attleboro for the Registry of Deeds satellite location.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to extend the lease between the City of Attleboro, a Massachusetts municipality with offices at 77 Park Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703 and Bristol County, a Massachusetts body politic with offices at 11 Court Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780 for a Branch of the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds located at 75 Park Street, Attleboro, MA.

It is noted this lease is for five (5) additional one year terms that will expire on June 30, 2026.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Facilities Superintendent Aguiar stated that the Attleboro District Court was in need of a new hot water tank.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize the repair/replacement of the hot water tank at the Attleboro District Court. Said expense should also be submitted for reimbursement as a COVID-19 expense.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes

Mr. Saunders yes

Mr. Kitchen yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of Peter Carreiro, Benefits Coordinator, to forward to the Treasurer's Office for payment, invoice dated March 2, 2021 from the MIIA Health Benefits Trust, One Winthrop Square, in the amount of \$359,661.96 for the County of Bristol Monthly Membership Premiums for March 2021..

To be paid to Vendor #7778 from the following accounts:

Account #01-21581

\$359,409.46

Account #13420-54437

252.50

\$

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders Mr. Kitchen yes yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve the recommendation of Facilities Superintendent, Scott Aguiar to make a conditional offer of employment to **Jeremiah Kelleher**, **150 Bay Street**, **Taunton**, **MA** for a custodian position with Bristol County. The individual appointment is contingent on the results of a pre-employment physical and CORI background check.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders Mr. Kitchen yes yes

Motion carries.

The Children's Advocacy Center is in the midst of purchasing 58 Arch Street in Fall River. They are requesting that the County continue its support of their programs.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to continue to support the **Children's Advocacy Center** at 58 Arch Street, Fall River, MA with an annual contribution of funding in fiscal year 2022 if so approved by the Bristol County Advisory Board.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Administrator Gomes wanted to review the Accident/ Injury Report Form. An invoice was received requesting the payment of a so called "work related injury". She did not sign off on the medical invoice for payment under worker's compensation because it listed BCBS payment. The accident report, according to Mr. Aguiar, had Been misplaced by him. The commissioners asked that the employee correct it with the hospital so that it can be properly posted to worker's compensation.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to <u>amend</u> the vote of February 9, 2021, relating to boiler repair by Lemieux Heating. Said repairs are authorized up to \$5,300. To be charged to #465 from 10612/52269

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Discussion continued from the last meeting regarding the request by Edward Cabral, represented by his attorney D.S. O'Connor, for a request to acquire support from the County Commissioners for special legislation that has been filed on Mr. Cabral's behalf to have the Bristol County Retirement Board grant creditable service to Frank Cabral Jr.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to table until the next meeting.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

Unanticipated

A communication was received from Amica Insurance regarding a request to allow employee Phillip Rodrigues to buyback sick time loss due to an automobile accident.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize the sick time buyback to Amica Insurance for employee Phillip Rodrigues. Mr. Rodrigues is eligible for a 75% reimbursement of his sick time resulting from an automobile accident on January 7, 2021. Said buyback amount to 1 day/\$118.92.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

No other business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adjourn at 4:37

p.m.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell

yes

Mr. Saunders

yes

Mr. Kitchen

yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED

DATE.

PRISTOL COUNTY